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LETTER DATED 11 SEPTEMBER 1990 FROM THE ALTERNATE HEAD OF THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE

I enclose the text of the Assurance on Non-Use of Nuclear Weapons contained in a Declaration by the United States of America. I request that the statement be included in a conference document, along with other assurances given by the other nuclear-weapon States in attendance at this Review Conference. It is my understanding that these assurances will be attached in an annex to the final document currently under negotiation among the participating States Parties.

Assurance on Non-Use of Nuclear Weapons

Declaration by the United States of America

The United States will not use nuclear weapons against any non-nuclear-weapon State party to the NPT or any comparable internationally binding commitment not to acquire nuclear explosive devices, except in the case of an attack on the United States, its territories or armed forces, or its allies, by such a State allied to a nuclear-weapons State or associated with a nuclear-weapons State in carrying out or sustaining the attack.